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***Raised Bill No. 5410***

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CONSERVATION FUNCTIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) On and after July 1, 2012, the  
2      functions, powers and duties of the Commissioner of Energy and  
3      Environmental Protection and the Department of Energy and  
4      Environmental Protection that are described in title 23 or title 26 of the  
5      general statutes shall be transferred to the Commissioner of  
6      Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture  
7      and Natural Resources, respectively. In accordance with the provisions  
8      of section 4-38d of the general statutes, any employee of the  
9      Department of Energy and Environmental Protection who performs  
10     any function or duty that is described in title 23 or title 26 of the  
11     general statutes shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture  
12     and Natural Resources.

13     Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) There is established a Department of  
14     Agriculture and Natural Resources. The department head shall be the  
15     Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who shall be

16 appointed by the Governor in accordance with the provisions of  
17 sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by  
18 this act, with the powers and duties therein prescribed.

19 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources shall  
20 constitute a successor department to the Department of Agriculture in  
21 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39 of the  
22 general statutes.

23 (c) Wherever the words "Commissioner of Agriculture" are used or  
24 referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the words  
25 "Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources" shall be  
26 substituted in lieu thereof: 3-20, 3-20f, 4-66cc, 4-186, 4b-3, 7-131o, 8-37u,  
27 10a-103, 12-2b, 12-81, 12-91, 12-107c, 12-107e, 12-107f, 14-21h, 19a-102a,  
28 19a-341, 20-196a, 22-1, 22-1c, 22-3, 22-4, 22-4a, 22-4b, 22-4c, 22-4d, 22-6,  
29 22-6a, 22-6b, 22-6c, 22-6d, 22-6f, 22-6g, 22-6h, 22-6q, 22-7, 22-7p, 22-7q,  
30 22-8, 22-11e, 22-11g, 22-11h, 22-12a, 22-12b, 22-26c, 22-26e, 22-26g, 22-  
31 26i, 22-26k, 22-26bb, 22-26cc, 22-26dd, 22-26jj, 22-26kk, 22-26ll, 22-  
32 26mm, 22-26nn, 22-27, 22-28, 22-31, 22-33, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-  
33 38a, 22-38b, 22-38c, 22-39, 22-39b, 22-39d, 22-39e, 22-39f, 22-41, 22-42,  
34 22-45, 22-48a, 22-51, 22-53, 22-54o, 22-54p, 22-54r, 22-56, 22-57, 22-59,  
35 22-60, 22-63, 22-79, 22-111b, 22-111r, 22-111aa, 22-111ll, 22-111mm, 22-  
36 111tt, 22-111vv, 22-118k, 22-118l, 22-118m, 22-118n, 22-118o, 22-118q,  
37 22-118r, 22-118s, 22-118t, 22-120a, 22-126a, 22-127, 22-128a, 22-129, 22-  
38 129a, 22-130, 22-131, 22-131c, 22-137a, 22-137b, 22-141, 22-150a, 22-160,  
39 22-172, 22-173a, 22-182a, 22-192a, 22-203a, 22-203e, 22-203f, 22-203g, 22-  
40 203h, 22-205, 22-206, 22-207, 22-208, 22-211a, 22-212, 22-213, 22-224, 22-  
41 226, 22-227, 22-228, 22-231, 22-232, 22-233, 22-234, 22-235a, 22-236, 22-  
42 238, 22-239, 22-241, 22-242, 22-242a, 22-242b, 22-243, 22-244, 22-245, 22-  
43 247, 22-248, 22-249, 22-254, 22-255, 22-256, 22-257, 22-258, 22-265a, 22-  
44 272b, 22-277, 22-278, 22-279, 22-279a, 22-280, 22-284, 22-286, 22-287, 22-  
45 288, 22-288a, 22-289, 22-290, 22-291, 22-293, 22-295, 22-296, 22-298, 22-  
46 299a, 22-301, 22-303, 22-304, 22-306, 22-307, 22-308, 22-311, 22-313, 22-  
47 316, 22-318, 22-318a, 22-319, 22-320a, 22-321, 22-322, 22-323a, 22-323b,  
48 22-324, 22-324a, 22-325, 22-326c, 22-326d, 22-326e, 22-326f, 22-326s, 22-

49 326t, 22-327, 22-329a, 22-339b, 22-344c, 22-344d, 22-347, 22-348, 22-354,  
50 22-380e, 22-380f, 22-380g, 22-381, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415a, 22-415i, 22-  
51 415j, 22-456, 22a-27s, 22a-65, 22a-285a, 22a-315, 22a-354m, 22a-354bb,  
52 22a-361, 22a-381, 22a-616, 25-204, 25-207, 25-234, 25-237, 26-40a, 26-149,  
53 26-157f, 26-192, 26-192e, 26-192f, 26-192j, 26-193, 26-194, 26-194a, 26-  
54 195, 26-196, 26-198, 26-199, 26-200, 26-201, 26-202, 26-203, 26-204, 26-  
55 206, 26-207, 26-208, 26-209, 26-210, 26-211, 26-212, 26-213, 26-215, 26-  
56 216, 26-219, 26-220, 26-224a, 26-227, 26-229, 26-230, 26-232, 26-234b, 26-  
57 235, 26-236, 26-237b, 26-257, 26-257a, 26-266 and 45a-322.

58 (d) Wherever the words "Department of Agriculture" are used or  
59 referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the words  
60 "Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources" shall be  
61 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-66aa, 4b-51, 7-131q, 7-380c, 8-2b, 13a-142a,  
62 16-50j, 17b-97, 17b-105f, 19a-59f, 20-196, 21a-92a, 21a-401, 22-1, 22-1c,  
63 22-4b, 22-6, 22-6a, 22-6b, 22-6c, 22-6d, 22-6e, 22-6g, 22-6h, 22-11d, 22-  
64 11e, 22-11f, 22-11h, 22-12b, 22-26c, 22-26d, 22-26e, 22-26f, 22-26i, 22-26j,  
65 22-26k, 22-26l, 22-26bb, 22-26cc, 22-26ll, 22-26nn, 22-36, 22-38a, 22-38d,  
66 22-51, 22-59, 22-63, 22-63a, 22-79, 22-81, 22-84, 22-90, 22-98, 22-129a, 22-  
67 137a, 22-137b, 22-160, 22-265a, 22-272b, 22-277, 22-279a, 22-280, 22-286,  
68 22-287, 22-298, 22-299a, 22-301, 22-303, 22-304, 22-306, 22-313, 22-318b,  
69 22-320a, 22-326c, 22-326t, 22-329a, 22-332a, 22-339b, 22-344d, 22-354, 22-  
70 359b, 22-386, 22-388, 22-410, 22-411, 22-412, 22-415a, 22-455, 22-456,  
71 22a-27r, 22a-38, 22a-319, 22a-361, 25-157a, 26-40a, 26-72, 26-142a, 26-  
72 192a, 26-192b, 26-192c, 26-192e, 26-192f, 26-192h, 26-192k, 26-192l, 26-  
73 194, 26-224a, 26-235, 26-237a, 26-237d, 26-237e, 26-257a, 30-68, 32-324h  
74 and 36b-21.

75 (e) Wherever the words "Commissioner of Energy and  
76 Environmental Protection" are used or referred to in the following  
77 sections of the general statutes, the words "Commissioner of  
78 Agriculture and Natural Resources" shall be substituted in lieu thereof:  
79 23-4, 23-5, 23-5b, 23-6, 23-7, 23-8, 23-8b, 23-9a, 23-9b, 23-10, 23-10b, 23-  
80 10c, 23-10e, 23-10i, 23-11, 23-12, 23-13, 23-14, 23-15a, 23-15b, 23-16, 23-  
81 16a, 23-17, 23-18, 23-20, 23-21, 23-22, 23-23, 23-24, 23-24a, 23-25, 23-26b,

23-26c, 23-26d, 23-26f, 23-26g, 23-30, 23-31, 23-32, 23-32a, 23-33, 23-37a, 23-37b, 23-41, 23-61a, 23-61b, 23-61f, 23-65, 23-65f, 23-65g, 23-65h, 23-65i, 23-65j, 23-65l, 23-65m, 23-65n, 23-65o, 23-65p, 23-65q, 23-73, 23-75, 23-77, 23-101, 23-102, 26-1, 26-3, 26-3a, 26-3b, 26-3c, 26-5, 26-6, 26-6a, 26-7, 26-15, 26-17a, 26-18, 26-25a, 26-25b, 26-27, 26-27b, 26-27c, 26-27d, 26-28b, 26-29c, 26-30, 26-31, 26-31a, 26-40a, 26-40c, 26-46, 26-55, 26-65, 26-65a, 26-67b, 26-67c, 26-67e, 26-74, 26-80a, 26-86a, 26-86c, 26-86e, 26-91, 26-103, 26-107f, 26-107h, 26-107i, 26-115, 26-119, 26-141a, 26-141b, 26-141c, 26-142a, 26-142b, 26-157c, 26-157d, 26-157e, 26-157f, 26-157h, 26-157i, 26-159a, 26-186a, 26-192j, 26-297, 26-313, 26-314, 26-315 and 26-316.

(f) Wherever the words "Department of Energy and Environmental Protection" are used or referred to in the following sections of the general statutes, the words "Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 23-5c, 23-8, 23-8b, 23-10b, 23-10d, 23-15, 23-15b, 23-19, 23-20, 23-24a, 23-32a, 23-61a, 23-65f, 23-65h, 23-65i, 23-65k, 23-67, 23-68, 23-72, 23-73, 23-101, 23-102, 23-103, 26-6a, 26-15, 26-15a, 26-15b, 26-17a, 26-27b, 26-31, 26-40a, 26-55, 26-55a, 26-59, 26-66a, 26-66b, 26-72, 26-86f, 26-105, 26-142a, 26-157d, 26-192k, 26-300, 26-304 and 26-314.

(g) If the term "Department of Agriculture" is used or referred to in any public or special act of 2012, or in any section of the general statutes which is amended in 2012, it shall be deemed to refer to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

(h) If the term "Commissioner of Agriculture" is used or referred to in any public or special act of 2012, or in any section of the general statutes which is amended in 2012, it shall be deemed to refer to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Sec. 3. Section 4-5 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

113 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"  
114 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
115 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue  
116 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and  
117 Families, Commissioner of Construction Services, Commissioner of  
118 Consumer Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of  
119 Economic and Community Development, State Board of Education,  
120 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
121 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,  
122 Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Commissioner of  
123 Public Health, Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor  
124 Control Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction  
125 Services, Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of  
126 Developmental Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
127 Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs,  
128 the director of the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services and the executive  
129 director of the Office of Military Affairs. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-  
130 7, "department head" also means the Commissioner of Education and  
131 the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

132 Sec. 4. Section 4-38c of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is  
133 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
134 *1, 2012*):

135 There shall be within the executive branch of state government the  
136 following departments: Office of Policy and Management, Department  
137 of Administrative Services, Department of Revenue Services,  
138 Department of Banking, Department of Agriculture and Natural  
139 Resources, Department of Children and Families, Department of  
140 Consumer Protection, Department of Correction, Department of  
141 Economic and Community Development, State Board of Education,  
142 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Department  
143 of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Public Health,  
144 Board of Regents for Higher Education, Insurance Department, Labor  
145 Department, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,

146 Department of Developmental Services, Department of Social Services,  
147 Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles,  
148 Department of Veterans' Affairs and Department of Construction  
149 Services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	4-5
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	4-38c

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Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	4-5
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	4-38c

***Statement of Purpose:***

To transfer the conservation functions, including forestry, parks and fish and game, from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Agriculture and rename the Department of Agriculture as the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*